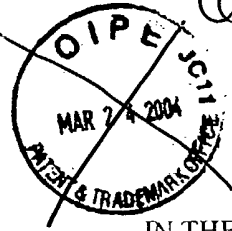


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PARTICULAR ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND/OR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, FOR DIAGNOSTIC, PROPHYLACTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC USES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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In reply to the September 25, 2003 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.